

The proposal to impose E911 rules on VOIP providers is a clear example of regulatory overreach likely to stifle innovation and restrict entry into the market of smaller, more creative businesses.

A far better approach would be to foster and promulgate a standard whereby handsets could discover their location and route their calls appropriately, and in fact there are several approaches based on multicast ip which could with relatively little effort on the part of ISP's be made to provide at least metro-specific location data.